

Amendment No. 3 to HB1337

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1302

House Bill No. 1337*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) By January 1, 2019, the department of education shall develop guidelines on the best practices for identifying and reporting signs of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking in which the victim is a child. The department shall use the guidelines to identify child abuse training programs appropriate for teachers. The programs identified by the department must train teachers on the common signs of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking in which the victim is a child; how to identify children at risk of abuse, sexual abuse, or human trafficking; maintenance of professional and appropriate relationships with students; and the requirements for reporting suspected child abuse and sexual misconduct.

(b) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, each LEA shall ensure teachers annually complete a child abuse training program identified by the department of education pursuant to subsection (a) or by the department of children's services. Each LEA shall annually report its compliance with this section to the department of education.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.